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NMTA Commercial Motor Vehicle Forum Scheduled in Las Vegas

Nevada Motor Transport Association (NMTA), in conjunction with several Southern Nevada law enforcement agencies, will hold a Commercial Motor Vehicle Workshop on Friday, November 16, 2007 at 10:30 AM. The forum will be hosted by Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) at its Southern Command Headquarters, 4615 W. Sunset Road, Las Vegas, Nevada, Room A-105. The NHP Headquarters is located just north of the I-215/ S. Decatur exit from the beltway. NMTA members attending this forum will receive clarification on specific enforcement policies and have an opportunity to participate in a Q&A session. Please RSVP to Jamie Paparich at 775-673-6111.

FMCSA to Initiate Real-Time Tracking for Mexican and U.S. Trucks Participating in the Cross-Border Trucking Demonstration Project

All Mexican and U.S. vehicles participating in the ongoing cross-border trucking demonstration project will have to participate in a satellite-based vehicle tracking system under a plan being developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and the Mexican government.

FMCSA announced its intent to issue a contract to provide satellite terminals for the near real-time tracking of commercial trucks traveling throughout the continental U.S. and Mexico as part of the cross-border trucking demonstration project. The systems will be installed at no cost to the participating trucking companies. The vehicle tracking system will incorporate a global positioning system and wireless technology to accurately determine a vehicle's position, and will be used to monitor hours of service, cabotage violations (the point-to-point shipping of domestic loads within the U.S.) and date and time of international and state crossings. Vehicles will be tracked by vehicle number and company. No driver information will be collected or tracked.

Nevada State Education Association Moves Forward With Ballot Initiative to Increase Gaming Tax

On Monday the NSEA Board of Directors unanimously voted to support moving forward with a constitutional amendment which would increase the tax on gaming revenue of the largest casinos in Nevada. This additional tax revenue will be dedicated solely to K-12 public education.

The initiative would increase the Gross Gaming Tax by an additional 3% tax on gaming revenues of the largest casinos in Nevada. This would bring the tax rate in the highest bracket to 9.75%. If the requisite signatures are collected then the measure must pass in both 2008 and 2010 to become law.